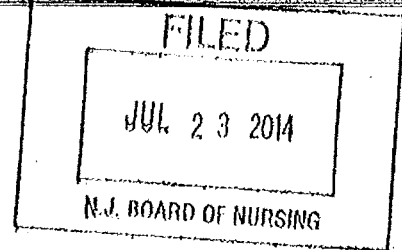
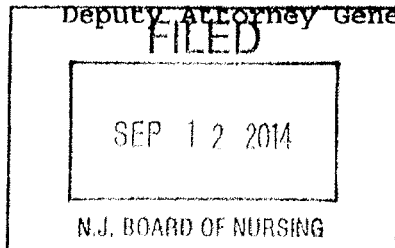


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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Cynthia Hughes , C.H.H.A.  
Certificate No. 26NH13119600

HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**FINAL**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF  
DISCIPLINE

Finalized by default ☒  
on 8/29/12/2014

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cynthia Hughes ("Respondent") is a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. (Exhibit A).

2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on November 22, 2013 by the Camden County Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1B(3), Aggravated Assault with Weapon. Information obtained from the Criminal History Review Unit (CHRU), indicated that the Respondent had caused bodily harm to JH by stabbing him in multiple locations on his body with a kitchen knife. The Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record in Camden, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about December 3, 2013. A response was due within twenty (20) days. The regular mailing was not returned; the certified mailing was returned as unclaimed (Exhibit B).

3. On December 12, 2013, Respondent faxed in a two page response. The first page was a cover sheet on which Respondent noted "My case is to be a dismissal when I got to court". The second page was titled "Pre-Indictment Conference Form" and noted that Respondent would be attending a conference on January 15, 2014. (Exhibit C). No other information was provided by Respondent.

4. Respondent has not provided any additional information to the Board to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information constitutes a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014,  
ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide is provisionally suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry.

2. Respondent is provisionally assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

3. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law

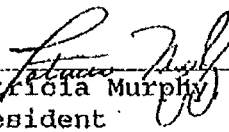
contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

6. In the event that the Board receives no written request for modification or dismissal within 30 days following entry of this Provisional Order, without further Board review, all referenced preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and all provisional sanctions or penalties imposed by this Order shall automatically become the Final Decision and Order of the Board. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

7. The Board reserves the right to initiate disciplinary proceedings based upon any information that Respondent

ultimately provides in response to the letter of inquiry or upon  
any new information the Board receives.

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